marks, he is now fair game, & cannot complain of being made to hold still till you get fairly through. I will suggest, that you had better make no allusion to him till you commence the regular series. I do not know what you mean to.

Affec. Yours

E. D. Morse.

E. D. Morse,
Boston Jan. 6/46.

Boston 6th mo. Tuesday,

Br. Phillips—

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Your fifth letter to Stow, & also the subsequent note have been received. I am sorry you are going to Washington, because I am afraid it will interrupt your letters to Stow & Beecher. It is exceedingly important that there should be no interruption, no not for a week. It will disappoint many & prolong the discussion. I beg of you therefore, do not let your Washington trip cut you off from the time & facilities for driving this business straight through. Vast interests are depending upon your efforts, & great numbers of ministers & others in this region are looking to you as their champion, to vanquish Beecher & Stow. If Phillips cannot do it, they say, it cannot be done. Take all the time & space you want, but do not prolong the time, by omitting Nos. I say again, there, whatever else you may do, do not be interrupted, hindered, or weakened in this discussion.

Swazey was in here yesterday, quite disturbed that Beecher should be allowed to flank you as he has, & spend so much time in exhortation. I explained, that we chose not to interrupt him, lest he should plead the precedent, for interrupting you. Having had full swing for eleven long